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Title

Method and Device for Generating an Air Stream in a

**Duplicating Machine** 

Examiner

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## RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 12, 2003, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect group I, claims 1-21, 22-32 and 35, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the method claims of group II at a later date.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 1-21, 22-32 and 35 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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